

Kanab, Utah

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State Engineer

Salt Lake City, Utah.

Dear Sir:

I received your letter a short time ago regarding use of water at the ranch in which you asked me to explain the condition and etc.

I have been using some water in the last two weeks, when it rained and flooded as it has done quite frequently. Also I made arrangements a few days ago to turn the Hidden Lake stream in the creek and use the same amount of water up the canyon about six miles. This arrangement was O.K.'ed by most of the irrigation company members, five in number said they were willing, that if I measured the water and used the same amount that I turned in the creek I could go ahead which I did. I watered under this arrangement about five days. No one stopped me or asked me not to use the water.

I supposed I was doing the right thing by using water from the Hidden Lake which belonged to my mother.

There has been plenty of water running over the dam's and going down the canyon below all the irrigated land below the ranch at the time I was using the water and still is. We have had a good rain nearly every day

for the last week.

I am goint to take the liberty to tell you just why the people on the Long Valley irrigation system claim there is no water right belonging to the ranch of which I am the owner.

About fifty some odd years ago Mr. Covington a home steader, one of the first home steaders in the Long Valley irrigation system was notified to go down to Kanab a distance of 35 miles to make his claim for water. Mr Covington walked this entire distance and when he got to Kanab the meeting was posponed to a later date.

When the time came for ^{second} ~~this~~ meeting he was unable to go down or at least he was not present at this meeting and consequently the water was divided and leaving Mr. Covington entirely without water ^{right} on his field and garden. Not being satisfied by takeing his water right because of his absence filed on all the water on his land, springs, High water, etc.

I claim that Mr. Covington is entitled to water as much as any oter man on the system.

I can prove every statment I have made and am sure that if you understood the conditions the way the land lays the springs that come up from the land, etc. that you would say that this ranch should have an equal right with all the other farmers in Long Valley Irrigation System.

I only wish you would send a man down here. I would like very much to explain my view on this question.

I hope I may hear from you soon.

Respectrully Yours,

Guy Chamberlain



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